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TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER TO SUSPEND AUTHORITY FOR CRITICAL FEED USE (CFU)

Lincoln, Neb, July 9, 2008 -- The U.S. Department of Agriculture today announced that a Federal judge granted a Temporary Restraining Order regarding the Critical Feed Use (CFU) initiative.

On May 27, 2008, a directive was issued providing that certain acreage enrolled in CRP would be available for hay and forage after the ending of the primary nesting season. Beginning June 2, 2008, CRP participants could request to voluntarily modify CRP contracts for critical feed use, such as haying and grazing.

On July 8, 2008 a Federal judge granted a Temporary Restraining Order about critical feed use which indicated that all authority to process or approve CRP-1M Addendums, Modification To Allow Critical Feed Use, was suspended. This means that all persons with CRP contracts for which a CRP-1M Addendum has been approved will be notified that critical feed use has been ceased and any such activity will be considered an unauthorized activity on CRP land until further notice.

Producers should contact their local Farm Service Agency office for any questions relating to this matter.

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